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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCANNING CONFOCAL  
ACOUSTIC DIAGNOSTIC FOR BONE QUALITY**

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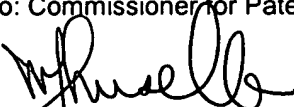
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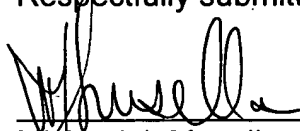
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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